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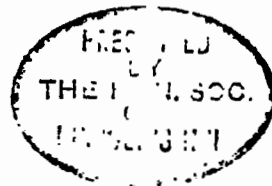
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incorporated, it is competent for any person belonging to that church, on behalf of himself and of all others belonging to that church and entitled to the use of the funds, to come into a court of equity to enforce the execution of the trust. And if the church consists of various congregations, any one or more of such congregations, being incorporated, may in like manner enforce the execution of the trust. (*Associate Reformed Church v. Trustees of Theological Seminary*, 3 Gr. C. R. 77.)

 CHAPTER XXXVI.

RELIGIOUS SOCIETIES IN PENNSYLVANIA—RIGHTS PRESERVED—
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§ 529. By the present Constitution of the State of Pennsylvania all the rights, privileges, immunities and estates of religious societies are preserved, and remain the same as though the Constitution of the State had not been altered or amended. (*State Const., Art. VII, Sec. 3.*)

§ 530. In the State of Pennsylvania, when any number of persons, who may be citizens of the commonwealth, are associated, or mean to associate, for any religious purpose, and may desire to become incorporated, they may prepare an instrument in writing, specifying therein the objects, articles, conditions and name, style or title under which they have associated or mean to associate, and exhibit the

same to the attorney-general of the commonwealth, who is required to peruse and examine the same, and then transmit the same, with a certificate thereon indorsed, testifying his opinion touching the lawfulness of the objects, articles and conditions therein set forth and contained, unto the Supreme Court of the commonwealth; and the said court is required thereupon to peruse and examine the said instrument, and to transmit it, with a certificate thereon endorsed, testifying also the opinion of the said court touching the lawfulness of the objects, articles and conditions therein set forth and contained unto the governor of the commonwealth. (*Purdon's Digest of 1862, 194, Sec. 1.*)

§ 531. If the attorney-general and the Supreme Court both certify their opinion as aforesaid to be that the objects, articles and conditions in such instrument set forth and contained are lawful, the governor must transmit the same to the master of the rolls, with an order thereon indorsed requiring him to enroll the same, at the expense of the applicants. Upon the enrollment of such instrument, the persons so associated, or meaning to associate, will, according to the objects, articles and conditions in the said instrument set forth and contained, become and be a corporation and body politic, in law and in fact, to have continuance by the name, style and title in such instrument provided and declared. (*Ib.*)

§ 532. Any such persons desiring to become incorporated for religious purposes and objects, may in like manner prepare such instrument in writing, and present the same to the Court of Common Pleas of the proper county in which such religious corporation is intended to be situated; and the court is required to peruse and examine the same, and if the objects, articles and conditions therein set forth and contained shall appear lawful, and not injurious to the com-

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munity, such court must direct said writing to be filed in the office of the prothonotary of said court, and also direct notice to be inserted in one newspaper printed in the proper county, for at least three weeks, setting forth that an application has been made to said court to grant such charter of incorporation; and if no sufficient reason is shown to the contrary, the court may, at the next term thereafter, decree and declare, by an order indorsed on said instrument, attested in the usual manner by the prothonotary, under the seal of said court, that the persons so associated shall, according to the articles and conditions in said instrument set forth and contained, become and be a corporation or body politic; and further direct that said charter of incorporation shall be recorded in the office for the recording of deeds in said county. (*Ib.*, page 196, *Sec.* 11.)

§ 533. On the instrument aforesaid being recorded as aforesaid, the persons so associated, or meaning to associate, will, according to the objects, articles and conditions in such instrument set forth and contained, become and be a corporation or body politic in law and in fact, to have continuance by the name, style and title in such instrument provided and declared. The usual fees allowed by law for equal or similar services may be received by the respective county officers performing such services, and all the expense of procuring such charter of incorporation and recording the same, must be borne by the persons applying for the same. After such charter is recorded, the same must be duly certified to be recorded, and delivered over to the applicants, and a copy of the record, duly certified, is made as good evidence as the original might or could be. (*Ib.* and *Sec.* 12.)

§ 534. In case any religious corporation desires to improve, amend or alter its charter, it can do so by specifying the

improvements, amendments or alterations which are or shall be desired, and the same to exhibit and present to the attorney-general and Supreme Court as aforesaid, who must in like manner successively certify their opinion to the governor of the commonwealth touching the lawfulness of such improvements, amendments or alterations; and the same being certified, as aforesaid, to be lawful, must in like manner be directed by the governor to be enrolled by the master of the rolls at the expense of the applicant; and upon such enrollment the same will be taken and deemed to be a part of the instrument upon which such corporation was formed and established, to all intents and purposes as if the same had originally made a part thereof. (*Ib.* 195, *Sec. 2.*)

§ 535. The application to amend the charter of incorporation must be made by the corporation in its corporate capacity. And the proposed amendments are not to be deemed the act of the corporation, merely because the corporate seal is affixed. In case of question in regard to it, the court will look beyond the seal, and inquire in what manner and by what authority it was affixed. When there are different classes in the society, as in the Roman Catholic, the clerical and the lay, the majority of each class must consent before the charter can be altered, if there be no provision in the original charter respecting alterations. Neither can a charter be amended on the vote of a majority, at a stated meeting, convened without notice of the intended proposition to alter the charter. A notice that an alteration in the constitution will be proposed at a meeting, must be given to all parties interested; otherwise a bare majority will not be held sufficient. (*Case of St. Mary's Ch. 6 Serg. and Rawle*, 498; 7 *Ib.* 517; *National Literary Association*, 30 *Penn. S. R.* 150.)

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§ 536. When the original charter of a religious society is procured by application to the Court of Common Pleas as hereinbefore specified, the application for improving, amending or altering such charter will have to be made to the same court, or to the court of quarter sessions of the commonwealth, and similar proceedings had as upon the granting of the original charter. (*Purdon's Digest*, 1862, page 197, *Secs. 18 and 19.*)

§ 537. Every religious society duly incorporated, and the successors thereof, possess full power and authority to make, have and use one common seal, with such device and inscription as they may deem proper, and the same to break, alter and renew at their pleasure; and by the name, style and title provided and declared in the charter as aforesaid, will be able and capable in law to sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded, in any court or courts, before any judge or judges, justice or justices, in all manner of suits, complaints, pleas, causes, matters and demands whatsoever, and all and every matter or thing therein to do, in as full and effectual a manner as any other person or persons, bodies politic and corporate, within the commonwealth, may or can do; and will be authorized and empowered to make rules, by-laws and ordinances, and to do everything needful for the good government and support of the affairs of such religious corporation; provided that such rules, by-laws and ordinances, or any of them, be not repugnant to the Constitution and laws of the United States, and of the commonwealth, or to the instrument upon which such corporation was formed and established. (*Id.* 195, *Sec. 3.*)

§ 538. Every such religious corporation, by the name, style and title by it provided and declared as aforesaid, will also be able and capable in law, according to the terms and conditions of the instrument upon which the corporation

was formed and established, to take, receive and hold all, and all manner of lands, tenements, rents, annuities, franchises and hereditaments, and any sum and sums of money, and any manner and portion of goods and chattels, given and bequeathed unto it, to be employed and disposed of, according to the objects, articles and conditions of the instrument upon which the corporation is as aforesaid formed and established, or according to the articles and by-laws of the corporation, or the will and intention of the donors; provided, however, that the clear yearly value or income of the real and personal estate held by such religious corporation shall not at any time exceed the sum of five thousand dollars, or such other sum as is specified in the charter of such religious society. (*Ib.*, Secs. 4, 6, 7 and 8; also *Ib.* 145, Secs. 2 and 3; also *Ib.* 864, Sec. 2.)

§ 539. In ascertaining the annual value of the real and personal estate of a religious society, all vacant lots will be taken to be of the annual value at which they could be let upon ground-rent, or at the interest of the price at which they would sell for cash, and without sacrifice; and if occupied and yielding rent or income, then as of the annual value of such rent or income, or the valuation as vacant ground in manner aforesaid, whichever shall be of the greater amount; but no edifice used for worship, education, or an hospital, or the unproductive fund contained within the curtilage of such building, must be included in such valuation. (*Ib.*, 146, Sec. 3.)

§ 540. No estate, real or personal, can be bequeathed, devised or conveyed to any body politic, or to any private person, in trust for religious uses, except the same be done by deed or will, attested by two credible and, at the time, disinterested witnesses, at least one calendar month before the decease of the testator or alienor; and all dispositions of

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property contrary to this provision are declared void, and the property thus disposed of will go to the residuary legatee or devisee, next of kin or heirs, according to law; provided that if the grantee of such property shall dispose of the same within said period, *bona fide* and upon a fair and valuable consideration, such disposition will not be avoided. (*Ib.*, 866, *Sec.* 10.)

§ 541. No bishop or other ecclesiastic, in any church, can hold any real or personal estate in the commonwealth, with a capacity to transmit the title thereof to his successor in office, otherwise than as any other individual holding the same in his private or natural capacity might do, and whenever any property, real or personal, shall be bequeathed, devised or conveyed to any ecclesiastical corporation, bishop, ecclesiastic or other person, for the use of any church, congregation or religious society, for religious worship or sepulture, or the maintenance of either, the same cannot be otherwise taken and held, or inure, than subject to the control and disposition of the lay members of such church, congregation or religious society, or such constituted officers or representatives thereof as shall be composed of a majority of lay members, citizens of Pennsylvania, having a controlling power, according to the rules, regulations, usages or corporate requirements thereof, so far as consistent herewith, and every charter granted by any court to any church, congregation or religious society, must require such property to be taken, held, and to inure, subject as aforesaid, or it will be void. (*Ib.*, 865 and 866, *Secs.* 8 and 9.)

§ 542. The majority, however, of the male members, of lawful age, of any unincorporated church, congregation or religious society, may choose for their trustee or trustees, any other person or persons than a layman; and whenever not previously declared, they may declare the manner in

which the title to their trust property shall be held and conveyed, and upon due proof of such consent, any court having jurisdiction over trusts, may direct the legal title to be conveyed accordingly. (*Ib.*)

§ 543. No disposition of property made for any religious use, will fail for want of a trustee, or by reason of the objects being indefinite, uncertain, or ceasing or depending upon the discretion of a lost trustee, or being given in perpetuity, or in excess of the annual value limited by law; but it is the duty of any orphan's court, or court having equity jurisdiction in the proper county, to supply a trustee, and by its decree to carry into effect the intent of the donor or testator so far as the same can be ascertained, and carried into effect consistently with law or equity; for which purpose the proceeding must be instituted by leave of the Attorney General on the relation of the society or individual desirous of carrying such disposition into effect, and willing to become responsible for the costs thereof, subject to an appeal as in other cases. (*Ib.*, 145, *Sec. 1.*)

§ 544. If the objects of the trusts last aforesaid be not ascertainable, or have ceased to exist, or such disposition be in excess of the annual value permitted by law, or in perpetuity, such disposition, so far as exceeding the power of the courts to determine the same by the rules of law or equity, will be taken to have been made subject to be further regulated and disposed of by the Legislature, in manner as nearly in conformity with the interest of the donor or testator, and the rules of law against perpetuities, as practicable, or otherwise to accrue to the public treasury for the public use. (*Ib.*)

§ 545. All churches, meeting-houses or other regular places of stated religious worship, with the pews thereto annexed

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for the occupancy and better enjoyment of the same, and all burial grounds belonging to any religious society or congregation, are exempt from all and every county, road, city, borough, town and school tax; though such exemption is restricted to five acres of land, together with the improvements thereon, and any excess of that amount of land will be liable to be taxed. (*Ib.*, 942, *Secs. 73 and 74.*)

§ 546. The title to the church property of a divided congregation, is in that part of it which is acting in harmony with its own law; and the ecclesiastical laws, customs, usages and principles which were accepted among them, before the dispute began, are the standard for determining which party is right. (*McGinnis v. Watson*, 41 *Penn. S. R.*, 9.)

§ 547. The charter of a religious society may be in the following form:

"We, the undersigned, citizens of the commonwealth of Pennsylvania, having associated ourselves together for religious purposes, desire to become incorporated as a religious society, and do hereby adopt and agree to be bound by the following articles of association, viz:

First. The name, style or title of the association under which they have associated is and shall be 'The First Presbyterian Church of Pittsburg.'

Second. The objects of the association are and shall be to maintain divine worship according to the rites of the Presbyterian church in the United States.

Third. The location of the house of worship of the society shall be in the city of Pittsburg, in the county of Alleghany.

Fourth. The temporal concerns of the society shall be managed by nine trustees, who shall all be members of the society, and shall hold their office for the term of three years, and shall be divided into three classes, so that three of their number shall be elected every year.

[Here add any other articles or conditions desired.]

Witness our hands at Pittsburg this day of 18 ."
(Signatures.)

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April 18, 2006

Judge Phyllis R. Streitel
Chester County Court of Common Pleas
2 N. High St.
West Chester, PA 19380

Dear Judge Streitel:

It has recently been brought to my attention that on March 26, 2006, Mr. William Taylor Reil, a defendant in Criminal Action Number 4470-02 before the Court of Common Pleas, was found guilty of violating two provisions of the Transportation Code, 75 Pa. C.S.A. § 7122 (3) and 75 Pa. C.S.A. § 1543 (a).

I have come to know Mr. Reil very well during the past 14 years and I respect his understanding of the law concerning the right of an individual to travel, among other things. I believe Mr. Reil has a better understanding of this area of the law than many licensed attorneys.

While I am not a licensed attorney, I have asked a member of my staff who is a Pennsylvania licensed attorney to examine Mr. Reil's understanding of this complex issue. The conclusion reached by my staff member was that Mr. Reil has thoroughly researched the issue and has based his arguments on solid legal precedent. I have also performed my own in-depth research over the years and I, too, have reached the conclusion that Mr. Reil stands on solid legal footing.

The crux of the issue is whether Title 75 can properly be applied to an individual. Within an individual's right to liberty is the inherent right to travel. If one's movement can be restrained, such restraint is intrinsically a restraint of his liberty. Mr. Reil's use of an automobile is simply an extension of his personal liberty to move about as he wishes.

My research, and that of my staff, confirms that Title 75 can only properly be applied to commercial vehicles and commercial use of the roads. An individual who wishes to utilize an automobile or other means of conveyance in order to exercise his right to travel cannot lawfully be required to obtain a license to drive or to register his automobile in order to operate it freely on our roads.

I have not reached the above conclusions without understanding the vast implications that would follow from these conclusions. I am well aware that a ruling of this nature would "undo" years of enforcement of our existing laws. I am also well aware of the enormous economic impact such a ruling would have on the Department of Transportation.

However, no one today would dare argue that we should not have eliminated slavery because it was too costly to the American economy. When rights are being violated, no cost is too high to return those rights to the individuals who hold them. Slavery is the ultimate restriction of one's liberty. It limits one's rights in every conceivable way, including one's right to move about freely. Likewise, refusing to acknowledge an individual's right to travel is an unconstitutional restriction of one's liberty and should not be permitted to continue in Pennsylvania.

I respectfully request that you grant Mr. Reil's request for reconsideration of the March 27 verdict and review the facts and circumstances surrounding his request. He does not wish to perpetuate this situation any more than necessary; he is simply asking for an acknowledgement and protection of his right to travel and would like to return to living the peaceful life he has led over the years.

I would certainly be happy to speak with you concerning this issue if you would like to do so. I appreciate your willingness to consider the views I have expressed in this letter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Samuel E. Rohrer", with a large, stylized initial "S" and "R".

Samuel E. Rohrer
State Representative
128th Legislative District

SER:jac

cc: William Taylor Reil